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,25X1 25X1 great discontent prevailing among the Protestant clergy because of the introduction of the so-called "Jugendweihe" (a ceremony 25X1 designed by the SED to replace the Protestant confirmation). On demanded that the CDU/Ost intervene in this occasion the arrest of several clergymen who had publicly protested against the introduction of the "Jugendweihe". 25X1 arrests had been made under very threadbare pretexts such as the violation of postal regulations concerning the receipt of parcels currency regulations or the receipt of books 25X1 and printed material from the West. assured do everything to bring about the release of the arrested clergymen. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1